



JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

ISSUED BY THE IGAD SPECIAL SUMMIT ON SOMALIA NAIROBI, KENYA

15TH OCTOBER, 2004

1. The IGAD Special Summit on Somalia was held on **Thursday 14th October, 2004** at State House, Nairobi, Kenya.
2. The meeting was opened by **H.E. Mwai Kibaki** President of the Republic of Kenya and Chairman of the IGAD Somali Peace Process. The meeting was chaired by **H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, President of the Republic of Uganda and Chairman of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government. It was attended by **H.E Ismail Omar Guelleh**, President of the Republic of Djibouti, **H.E Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed**, President of the Transitional Federal Republic of Somalia, **H.E Ali Osman Mohamed Taha**, 1st Vice President of the Republic of the Sudan **Hon. Ali Said Abdella** Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea, **Amb. Abdulaziz Ahmed Adem** Special Envoy to the Somali Peace Process representing the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and **Dr. Bashir Hamad Attalla**, Executive Secretary of IGAD.
3. The meeting was also attended by **H.E President Paul Kagame** President of the Republic of Rwanda, **H.E President Domitien Ndayizeye** of the Republic of Burundi, **H.E Deputy President Jacob Zuma** of the Republic of South Africa and **Amb. Winston Tubman** representing the United Nations Secretary General.
4. **The Heads of State and Government: -**
 - I. **Welcomed** the outcome of the Somali National Reconciliation Conference which involved political leaders, faction leaders, traditional leaders and the civil society and noted that progress achieved so far would not have been possible without the cohesiveness and unanimity of vision of IGAD member states and the generous support of the International Community; in particular the IGAD Partner Forum (IPF).
 - II. **Commended** the people of Somalia for forming an all-inclusive Transitional Federal Parliament, which will lead to the establishment of a broad based Government.
 - III. **Noted** the transparent manner in which the elections of the Speaker and the President were conducted in the presence of the International Community.
 - IV. **Congratulated** His Excellency Hon. Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed on his election as the President of the Transitional Federal Republic of Somalia.

- V. **Pledged** to give necessary diplomatic, political, technical and financial support to the new Transitional Federal Government.
- VI. **Recognised** with immediate effect the Government of H.E President Abdullahi Yusuf and appealed to other countries to do likewise.
- VII. **Appealed** to the United Nations to take immediate action to deploy a mission to Somalia to assist in securing the new Government and also help train Security Forces for Somalia.
- VIII. **Suggested** that in the meantime, the African Union and IGAD should explore practical and more affordable ways of being able to support and sustain a peace restoration and protection force in Somalia.
- IX. **Called upon** the International Community and the United Nations to take appropriate measures to create a conducive environment to enable the new Government move into Somalia and function effectively to fulfil its mandate to the Somali People.
- X. **Appealed** for support from the entire International Community and to render diplomatic, political, technical and financial support for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of all the institutions of the state.
- XI. **Resolved** to take collective action on any person or groups of persons whose actions are directly or indirectly inimical to the achievements made by the reconciliation conference.
- XII. **Mandated** the Council of Ministers to undertake immediate missions to the African Union, United Nations, United States of America, the Arab League and the European Union to brief them on the outcome of the election process and formation of an all-inclusive government. During this mission the Ministers will make a case for a peace-enforcement force in Somalia and funding for this force.
- XIII. **Received** a briefing on the status of the Sudan Peace Process from H.E 1st Vice President Ali Osman Taha and Gen. Lazarus Sumbeiywo and noted the positive developments in that process. They urged the parties to continue and conclude the remaining issue on Cessation of Hostilities and move on to the implementation modalities and conclude the Peace Process as soon as possible.
- XIV. **Thanked** and appreciated the Government of the Republic of Kenya for chairing and hosting the Somali National Reconciliation Conference, and for the warm hospitality and successful hosting of the IGAD Special Summit.

Done in Nairobi on this 15th day of October, 2004.